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1. IN EFFORT TO SPUR ON GOS ACTION RE PARTICIPATION SUBJECT EXPOSITION, AN EMBOFF CALLED ON LUIS MEDINA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EXPORTATION IN COMMERCE MINISTRY, RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MATTER ACCORDING TO NEWLY NAMED COMMERCE MINISTER NEMESIO FERNANDEZ CUESTA. MEDINA SAID HE WOULD PROMPTLY AND CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE MATTER, DISCUSS IT WITH HIS MINISTER, AND RESPOND ON MONDAY.

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT LETTER FROM THEN PLANNING MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR OF NOV. 15, 1973 HAS ANNOUNCED SPANISH PARTICIPATION WITH MORE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TO FOLLOW, AND INFORMED MEDINA OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING ACCORDING LATEST HENDERSON TELECON. CONVERSATION FOLLOWED UP WITH LETTER CONVEYING INFORMATION ON SIZE OF OTHER PARTICIPATIONS, BASED ON HENDERSON-FERGUSSON CALL OF DEC. 3.

3. MEDINA MADE MUCH OF FACT THAT TIME SHORT AND

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ASSERTED THAT COMMERCE MINISTRY LACKED THE EXPERTISE

NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN EXHIBITION NOT STRICTLY
COMMERCIAL.

4. EMBASSY REGRETFULLY CONCLUDES GOS NOT REALLY
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION ALTHOUGH UNWILLING SAY SO CLEARLY,
AND ACCORDINGLY DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT ANY SPACE BE HELD
FOR SPAIN PENDING THAT COUNTRY'S FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT
PARTICIPATION.

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